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Jonas A. Stundzia
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Dear Mr. Stundzia,

Thank you for your letter expressing your concerns and providing us an opportunity to tell you about the Boston Public Library's collections in the Lithuanian, Estonian, and Latvian languages. As you have observed, the world language collection of browsing materials now reflects the city's current demographics. The majority of the library's holdings, however, are in the research collections which are reserved for materials of lasting value that merit special security and guarantee long term accessibility. The key to finding these titles is through the library's online catalog through which you can find the works of individuals, or search for all works published in the various Baltic languages.

Our research holdings include works of literature and history. The Arts department has books that cover artists, architects, musicians, and composers. Biographical information about important people of Baltic origin is included in the *Baltic Biographical Archive* that includes entries for over 80,000 individuals from 218 sources, published between 1650 and 1993. The library has also collected locally published books, newspapers,

Over the years the library developed a substantial collection of books, newspapers, journals, and other materials published in Europe and locally, within the Massachusetts community. We have made a special effort to preserve ephemeral materials important to the Baltic community through microfilming such diverse resources as transcripts of a locally broadcast Latvian radio program and an extensive collection of plays owned by the Latvian Drama Library of Daugavas Vanagi.

We welcome you to visit our catalog at <http://bpl.bibliocommons.com/> and let us know of any future questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mary Frances O'Brien
Chief of Public Services